

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT
SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

No. 08-01789 (CGM)

SIPA LIQUIDATION

(Substantively Consolidated)

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Substantively
Consolidated SIPA Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff
Investment Securities LLC and the Chapter 7 Estate of
Bernard L. Madoff,

Plaintiff,

v.

FAIRFIELD INVESTMENT FUND LIMITED,
STABLE FUND, FAIRFIELD GREENWICH
LIMITED, FAIRFIELD GREENWICH
(BERMUDA), LTD., FAIRFIELD GREENWICH
ADVISORS LLC, FAIRFIELD INTERNATIONAL
MANAGERS, INC., WALTER NOEL, JEFFREY
TUCKER, ANDRES PIEDRAHITA, AMIT
VIJAYVERGIYA, PHILIP TOUB, CORINA NOEL
PIEDRAHITA, FAIRFIELD GREENWICH
CAPITAL PARTNERS and SHARE
MANAGEMENT LLC,

Defendants.

Adv. Pro. No. 09-01239 (CGM)

STIPULATED AMENDED CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

Plaintiff Irving H. Picard, as trustee (the “Trustee”) for the substantively consolidated liquidation of the business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aaa–III, and the chapter 7 estate of Bernard L. Madoff, defendants Fairfield Investment Fund Limited, Stable Fund L.P., Fairfield Greenwich Limited, Fairfield Greenwich (Bermuda) Limited, Fairfield Greenwich Advisors LLC, Fairfield International Managers, Inc., Walter Noel, Jr., Jeffrey Tucker, Andrés Piedrahita, Amit Vijayvergiya, Philip Toub, Corina Noel Piedrahita, Fairfield Greenwich Capital Partners, and Share Management LLC (collectively, “Defendants” and together with the Trustee, the “Parties”), hereby submit the following stipulation and proposed amended case management order pursuant to Rules 16 and 26 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, applicable under Rules 7016 and 7026 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

1. Case Status.

a. This action consists of recovery claims under 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a) and 550(a) and general partner liability claims against Defendants.

b. The claims in this case have been the subject of motion practice. This Court denied Defendants’ motion to dismiss the Trustee’s claims, except as to claims asserted against Defendant Corina Noel Piedrahita in her individual capacity. Defendants have answered the Trustee’s Second Amended Complaint.

c. Initial Disclosures. The Parties do not propose any changes in the form or requirements for disclosures under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a). The Defendants served Initial Disclosures on the Trustee on January 5, 2022 and the Trustee served Initial Disclosures on the Defendants on January 10, 2022.

d. Productions. Beginning on June 16, 2021, the Defendants have produced to the Trustee approximately 1.25 million documents, including transcripts of deposition

testimony provided by certain Defendants and other witnesses in prior proceedings. In February 2022, the Defendants were given access to the Trustee's E-Data Rooms containing millions of documents, including nonconfidential documents produced to the Trustee by third parties. Between July 2023 and August 2023, third parties produced approximately 7,360 documents to the Trustee pursuant to Rule 45 subpoenas.

e. The pre-trial conference is scheduled for December 20, 2023.

2. Discovery Plan. The discovery plan set forth in the initial stipulated case management order, entered on December 6, 2021, is amended as follows:

a. The Parties agree to continue to meet and confer in good faith to resolve any discovery disputes that arise in this action, including, but not limited to, any disputes arising from objections that requested discovery is duplicative or cumulative. Failing agreement, any Party may make an application for relief.

b. The Parties anticipate the need for discovery from various third parties located outside of the United States. To obtain discovery from these third parties, the Parties may need to proceed under the Hague Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters or other internationally recognized means of obtaining cross-border discovery, including, but not limited to, letters rogatory (collectively, "International Discovery"). To the extent that the Parties avail themselves of International Discovery procedures, they will not be deemed to have waived, prejudiced, or otherwise altered their rights to conduct discovery under the applicable federal rules. To the extent that responses to International Discovery are not received by the Fact Discovery Cut-Off Date (defined below), the deadlines set forth herein will need to be extended accordingly. The parties agree to meet and confer in good faith to minimize the costs of international discovery.

c. Fact Discovery Cut-Off. All fact discovery is to be completed by May 22, 2024 (the “Fact Discovery Cut-Off Date”).

d. Expert Discovery Cut-Off. All expert discovery is to be completed by February 21, 2025 (the “Expert Discovery Cut-Off Date”).

e. Inadvertent Production. The Parties acknowledge that the inadvertent production of privileged or work product protected documents is not a waiver of the privilege or protection from discovery in this case or in any other federal or state proceeding. This Order shall be interpreted to provide the maximum protection allowed by Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d). Nothing contained in this paragraph is intended to or shall serve to limit a party’s right to conduct a review of documents, including electronically stored information, for relevance, responsiveness, and/or privileged and/or protected information.

f. Document Requests. The Parties may serve requests for documents as needed, provided they are served at least 45 days before the Fact Discovery Cut-Off Date.

g. Interrogatories.

(i) The Parties may serve interrogatories in accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule 7033-1(a) until 45 days before the Fact Discovery Cut-Off Date.

(ii) The Parties may serve interrogatories in accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule 7033-1(b), until 45 days before the Fact Discovery Cut-Off Date, provided the interrogatories are (i) a more practical method of obtaining the information sought than a request for production of documents or a deposition, or (b) ordered by the Court.

(iii) The Parties may not serve contention-based interrogatories in accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule 7033-1(c), absent exceptional

circumstances (such as a need to preserve testimony) or by agreement among the Parties.

h. Requests for Admission. The Parties may serve Requests for Admission as needed, provided they are served at least 45 days before the Fact Discovery Cut-Off Date.

i. Depositions. All depositions (excluding any expert depositions) must be completed by the Fact Discovery Cut-Off Date. Depositions shall proceed concurrently, with no party having priority. The Parties will endeavor to conclude the majority of depositions within the seven hours provided by Federal Rule 30(d)(1). The Parties will attempt in good faith to agree to reasonable extensions of the time limits as appropriate, and failing agreement, any party may make application for an extension of those time limits.

(i) The Parties agree that they will meet and confer in good faith to identify an agreed-upon number of depositions.

(ii) All depositions of the Trustee's witnesses shall be conducted at the offices of Baker & Hostetler LLP, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10111, or such other location and manner agreed upon by the Parties. Depositions of the Defendants' witnesses shall be conducted in a location and manner agreed upon by the Parties.

j. Coordination of Discovery. The Parties agree to work in good faith to coordinate discovery in this action with discovery in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-03800 (JPM) (the "Assigned Claims Action") as well as any related discovery in other actions brought by the Trustee. All discovery provided in this action will be deemed provided in the Assigned Claims Action.

k. The Parties agree they will meet and confer in good faith to resolve discovery disputes. The Parties also agree to submit to the discovery arbitrator disputes they are unable to

resolve by meeting and conferring, in accordance with procedures set forth in the Order Appointing a Discovery Arbitrator Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019(c) and General Order M-390, entered in *Sec. Inv'r Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (CGM) (the "Main SIPA Action") on October 4, 2016 (ECF No. 14227).

l. With respect to discovery disputes not submitted to the arbitrator, pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 7007-1(b), motions related to discovery disputes may not be brought until the Parties have requested from chambers an informal discovery conference. An informal discovery conference may be requested by letter on notice to the Parties to this Order or as otherwise required by the Bankruptcy Code and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. The letter requesting an informal discovery conference should state the nature of the request and provide ten (10) business days for a response. Faxes to chambers are not acceptable.

m. Experts. Each Party that intends to offer expert testimony must make the disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2) on or before August 23, 2024. Each Party that intends to offer expert testimony in opposition to such disclosures must make the disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2) on or before October 18, 2024. No expert testimony (whether designated as "rebuttal" or otherwise) will be permitted (i) by an expert that has not been disclosed in accordance with the Rules, and (ii) on any issue that is beyond the scope of the opinion covered by the disclosures except on prior express permission of the Court, upon application made no later than November 1, 2024. All experts may be deposed, but such depositions must occur on or before the Expert Discovery Cut-Off Date. The deadline for expert depositions will not affect the Parties' duty to supplement expert disclosures as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26.

n. Manner of Production of Discovery Materials. The Parties may produce discovery, including initial disclosures, on a USB flash drive, CD-ROM, in an electronic data room, encrypted FTP link, or other similar electronic format. Given the volume of documentation that may be subject to disclosure in this matter, the Parties may produce a summary report, such as an expert report, and provide access to the underlying documentation on which the summary report relies in an electronic data room or other medium for review by the Parties. The Parties intend to enter into a protocol for the production of electronically stored information (ESI). Information and documents produced or made available electronically shall:

- (i) be text searchable;
- (ii) provide data and image load files necessary to review the documents on search platforms (i.e., Summation, Concordance, Relativity) upon request of a Party;
- (iii) provide any system-created or non-privileged captured objective metadata, such as date fields, author fields, custodian fields, path to native file, etc.;
- (iv) be organized, such as by date, custodian, or subject matter, as maintained in the ordinary course of business or as organized by the Trustee;
- (v) provide additional formats of production, metadata, or native documents if requested by a Party.

The Parties shall meet and confer first in a good-faith attempt to resolve any dispute, or thereafter comply with Local Bankruptcy Rule 7007-1 to resolve any dispute not submitted to the arbitrator.

3. Proposed Modifications Of Standard Pretrial Proceedings Due To The Special Nature Of The Action. The Parties do not presently believe that any such modifications are appropriate or necessary, and will contact the Court if their belief in this regard changes.

4. Prospects For Settlement, Including Whether A Settlement Conference Should Be Scheduled And Whether The Parties Will Stipulate To The Trial Judge Acting As Settlement Judge. The Parties engaged in settlement discussions prior to the Trustee filing the Second Amended Complaint, which resulted in dismissal of the Trustee's claims against certain previously-named defendants. The Parties will notify the Court if they believe a settlement conference would be productive.

5. Motion Practice. All motions and applications shall be governed by the Civil Rules, Bankruptcy Rules and Local Bankruptcy Rules, including pre-motion conference requirements.

6. Summary Judgment Motions. A party seeking to move for summary judgment must first request a pre-motion conference. The date and time of the pre-motion conference must be obtained from chambers. Notice of the date and time of the pre-motion conference may take the form of a letter setting forth the issues in general terms and must be served upon all parties bound by this scheduling order or as otherwise required in the Bankruptcy Code and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. Pursuant to the authority provided by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b)(2), a motion for summary judgment will be deemed untimely unless a request for a pre-motion conference relating thereto (see Local Bankruptcy Rule 7056-1) is made in writing on or before February 21, 2025. A briefing and hearing schedule for summary judgment motions or other dispositive motions must be set by the Court at the pre-motion conference. Compliance with S.D.N.Y. LBR 7056-1 is mandatory and shall include a joint statement of undisputed facts.

7. Joint Pre-trial Order. The scope and manner in which the trial will be conducted (including, but not limited to, the issues to be determined at trial, the facts in dispute, the

documents to be presented as evidence, and the names of witnesses who will testify) is controlled by the joint pre-trial order. Any disputes relating to the final joint pre-trial order must be brought to the attention of chambers at least one week before the final pre-trial conference. The parties must submit a proposed joint pre-trial order (sample provided by chambers) at least 3 days before the final pre-trial conference.

8. Final Pre-trial Conference. If additional pre-trial conferences are necessary, the Court may schedule such additional pre-trial conferences as it determines appropriate. The final pre-trial conference will be held on a date to be determined by the Court. Any (1) disputes relating to the final joint pre-trial order or (2) motions in limine must be fully briefed and will be argued at the final pre-trial conference.

9. Trial. If necessary, the trial on the Motion will commence on a date set at the final pre-trial conference and will continue as scheduled thereafter. The Parties shall be prepared for trial at the time of the final pre-trial conference and should expect the trial to be scheduled no later than one week after the final pre-trial conference.

10. Modifications of this Order. The deadlines set out herein cannot be changed unless so directed by the Court. Parties should not wait for deadlines to expire before seeking an amended scheduling order. If any questions should arise or another pretrial conference is necessary prior to the final pre-trial conference, notify chambers at once. Modifications to the Scheduling Order may be made only upon a showing of good cause with joint application to the Court, or a party may request an informal status conference.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in sanctions being imposed.

11. Parties and Counsel. The following Parties join in this stipulation and proposed case management order through their counsel.

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SO ORDERED.

**Dated: November 2, 2023
Poughkeepsie, New York**



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**Hon. Cecelia G. Morris
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge**